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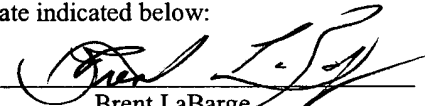
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This amendment is being filed in reply to the outstanding Office Communication, mailed December 17, 2002, in connection with the above application. Please enter the following amendments:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

- On Page 15, please replace the paragraph at lines 31-35 with the following text:

B) Figure 1 represents the amino acid sequences of two chick *hh* clones, chicken *hedgehog*-A (pCHA; SEQ ID No:35) and chicken *hedgehog*-B (pCHB; SEQ ID No:36). These clones were obtained using degenerate primers corresponding to the underlined amino acid residues of the *Drosophila* sequence (SEQ ID No:47) (corresponding to residues 161-232 of SEQ ID No:34) also shown in Figure 1, followed by nested PCR using chicken genomic DNA.